

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 400

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A RESOLUTION to recognize James “Jim” Lockett Bowers on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, James “Jim” Lockett Bowers is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twenty-six years as a Land Surveyor for the City of Elizabethton’s Engineering Department; during Mr. Bowers’s illustrious tenure, he has worked on and helped to complete several projects, including the Cherokee Industrial Park, R.O.W. Easements and Line Locations for the Street, Water and Sewer Departments, and the Linear Path Project; and

WHEREAS, Jim Bowers will be taking a much deserved retirement on May 4, 2007; and

WHEREAS, a native of Carter County, Mr. Bowers proudly served his country from 1940 to 1945 as a member of the United States Army and then as a member of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of his military service, Jim Bowers worked with the Tennessee Valley Authority and then at Bow Water Pulpwood; and

WHEREAS, he received his Bachelor’s degree in Forestry from the University of Georgia; he later received his Tennessee Land Surveyors License, which led to his employment with the City of Elizabethton on September 8, 1981; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Bowers is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Letta Sue Berry Surratt; his two step-children, Lynn Surratt and Lisa Smith Sprague; and three grandsons, Matthew Smith, Christopher Smith, and Brock Surratt; and

WHEREAS, Jim Bowers exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, he has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to James “Jim” Lockett Bowers our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, recognize his singular contributions to the City of Elizabethton, and wish him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.